# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to develop some cities as eco-cities in the country;

(b) if so, the name of those cities and criteria adopted for their selection; and

(c) the measures undertaken for implementation of the National Forestry Action Plan?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. Seven most populated cites including Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabadand Ahmedabad have been selected to be developed as eco-cities. State Government agencies have been asked to draw up environmental management plans for these cities.

( c ) The Government have taken various steps for the implementation of National Forestry Action Programme including the following :-

(i) The Ministryhas requested the Planning Commission to enhance allocation to the forestry sector in the annual plans of State and Central Government in the coming years for implementation of National Forestry Action Programmeto achieve the desired objectives of the sustainable development of forests.

(ii) All the State Governments have been requested to enhance allocation to forestry sector in Annual Plans of the States for implementation of State Forestry Action Programme.

(iii) All the State Governments have been requested to form coordination committees at State level under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary for implementation of National Forestry Action Programme.

(iv) A compendium of project proposals has been prepared for exploring the possibility of international funding.